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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

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Application of :  
Yoshiharu SHIRAKAWABE et al. :  
Serial No. 10/651,526 : Group Art Unit - 1753  
Filed: August 29, 2003 : Examiner - Glen Rodney  
For: METHOD OF MANUFACTURING : McDonald  
MULTI-TIP PROBE, A MULTI- :  
TIP PROBE, AND SURFACE :  
CHARACTERISTIC ANALYSIS :  
APPARATUS : Docket No. S004-5110

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**RESPONSE**

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In response to the Office Action mailed December 8, 2004, applicants amend their as follows:

**ADDITIONAL FEE:**

No additional fee is believed required in connection with this response; however, should it be determined that a fee is due, authorization is hereby given to charge any such fee to our Deposit Account No. 01-0268.

**MAILING CERTIFICATE ON PAGE 17**